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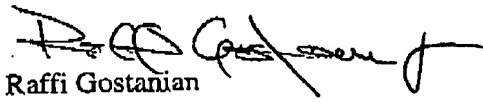
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant maintains that Britt fails to disclose triggering three queries and fails to disclose a central node in communication with HLRs with first and second tables accessible to the central node as is presented in the current version of the claims. The Examiner, on page 2 of the Office Action, attempts to equate the HLR of Britt with the central node of the instant invention. However, independent claims 1 and 19 of the instant invention disclose both an HLR and a central node. As such, Applicant fails to understand how the Examiner can state that Britt discloses an HLR which reads on the central node in the instant invention. If that were true, then what element of Britt reads on the HLR of the instant invention? Britt's HLR cannot read on both the central node and the HLR of the instant invention.

As such, it is believed that the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance; therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of the claims as set forth in the Office Action, and full allowance of same. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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